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SUBJECT: LOSS OF ARMED GUARD SERVICES PROVIDED BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

1. AT A MEETING TODAY AT EXTAFF WHICH INCLUDED PROTOCOL, RCMP, ADMIN COUNSELOR AND RSO, THE GOC ADVISED IT WAS ELIMINATING PRIVATE CONTRACT GUARD SERVICES IN MONTREAL AND QUEBEC CITY. THIS WILL INVOLVE A TOTAL OF FIVE GUARDS INCLUDING NIGHT TIME GUARDS AT BOTH LOCATIONS. THE SERVICES OF THE GUARDS WHO WORK AFTER HOURS (3) WILL BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY, BUT EXTAFF AGREED TO TEMPORARILY MAINTAIN THE TWO DAYTIME GUARDS IN MONTREAL UNTIL MAY 30. FOLLOWING FIRM STAND BY EMBASSY OF NEED FOR SUCH PROTECTION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, GOC AGREED TO MAINTAIN NIGHT GUARD AT RESIDENCE AS BEFORE.

2. GIVEN CONFIGURATION OF THE MONTREAL CONGEN AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF VISA APPLICANTS AND VISITORS EACH DAY, IT IS RSO AND EMBASSY OPINION THAT TWO DAYTIME GUARDS MUST BE MAINTAINED. FOR FY77 REQUEST BUREAU ADJUST UPWARD FINANCIAL PLAN CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY DOLS 7000, I.E. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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